

ORE (pre-1950) folder

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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: List of OHI and Predecessor Files, 1953-56,
Thus Far Retired to CIA Records Center

REFERENCE: Historical Staff "List of Selected Historical Records of OHI
..., 1953-56" (memo of 9 May 1957; Secret)

1. Only one of the 21 historically significant files of OHI (and of its predecessor OER/BID) for 1953-56 (as listed in the above-referenced memo) is now on deposit in the CIA Records Center, so I discovered in my survey made there on 23 May 1957. (The rest presumably remain in OHI, except for any "temporary" files which OHI may have by now destroyed.)

2. The one retired file is as follows:

#165. "NIS Manuscripts," October 1948-October 1956. About 114 linear feet (estimated). This file is arranged by NIS chapter and section number, and goes back to the ORE days of the NIS program. Although this file was scheduled (in the August 1955 "records control schedule") to be destroyed "6 months after publication," it has been retained, and the disposal instruction was amended later (about July 1956) to read, "not to be destroyed without approval of OHI." The retired parts of this file are made up of 11 installments or "jobs", transferred to the Records Center between February 1954 and January 1957, as follows: 57-349; 57-54; 56-397; 56-202; 56-104; 55-277; 55-125; 54-322; 54-236; 54-152; and 54-40. The individual NIS titles and sub-titles are listed in shelf lists, on file in the Records Center and in OHI.

3. In addition, parts of four other NIS-related series are now on deposit in the CIA Records Center. While those four files (listed below) will probably not figure directly in our historical research on the 1953-56 period, they are mentioned here in passing as a matter of general historical-reference interest to CIA.

#164. Record set of published National Intelligence Surveys (probably historically complete), as well as distribution copies of most of them.

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#198. "NIS Graphics Files." A small part (about 20 linear feet) of this bulky file (325 feet long) is retired: "half-tone negatives" of illustrations published in the finished NIS's. These negatives were retired in two installments: "job" 56-208 (Jan. 1956); and "job" 55-172 (Jan. 1956).

#166. Reference and distribution copies of the JANIS series, 1943-49.

#166 (? unnumbered). Along with these finished JANIS reports, the Records Center has acquired the apparently complete file of correspondence and related records of JISPB (the Joint Army-Navy Intelligence Studies Publishing Board), 1943-49. The JISPB, as the editorial group for the JANIS studies, is a "direct lineal ancestor" of OHI, as it were. Its records as retired total 10 linear feet in bulk, and were retired as "job" 54-353. As an index to them, the Records Center has a detailed folder-by-folder listing (6 pp. long), which I assume we could have photocopied if we needed it.

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h. [REDACTED] is OHI's "Area Records Officer", and as such handles all requests on the Records Center that pertain to OHI's retired files. There seem to be no special restrictions on the OHI records thus far retired beyond (a) the normal Agency-wide security procedures governing classified information, and (b) the Record Center's general understanding with all the operating offices, whereby all questions of access to retired records are cleared in advance through the individual office of origin -- that is, OHI in this case.

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- 1 - Records Center folder
- 1 - ORR folder
- 1 - JISPB (1943-49) folder
- 1 - ORR (1946-50) folder

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